

Ottile W. Lundgren Memorial Mobile Field Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2006

Attendees: Leonard Guercia, Comm. Lantz, Ron Welch, Scott DeVico, Dr. Knoll, John Netkovick, Dr. Rolf Knoll, John Netkovick, Elise Kremer, Dr. Michael Zanker, Lynn Piacentini, Carol Luddy, Joanne Yandow, Renee Holota

Welcome and Introduction

Leonard Guercia on behalf of Commissioner Galvin welcomed new members and members introduced themselves. He also thanked Mjr. General Martin for allowing the hospital to be set up at Camp Rell. There will be a tour of the hospital after the meeting for those interested.

Review and approval of minutes

The minutes of June 9, 2006, were approved and accepted with no changes.

Other news:

Dr. Zanker will be leaving effective October 1, 2006 to pursue another employment opportunity. Leonard Guercia wanted to recognize Dr. Zanker on his accomplishments with this project.

Mobile Field Hospital Bylaws

The bylaws were open for discussion. There was no discussion and the bylaws went for an immediate vote. The Bylaws of the Ottile W. Lundgren Mobile Field Hospital were unanimously approved as written.

Review Field Deployment - Dr. Michael Zanker

Dr. Zanker updated the members on the recent deployment activities of the mobile field hospital. Recent deployments include the 118th Medical Battalion where logistical support was given. The hospital was set up a Stone's Ranch for officer candidate training and then set up at Camp Rell for Family Day. The Disaster Medical Assistance Team supported Family Day at Camp Rell over the past weekend and a portion of the hospital will be set up at the Big E for Connecticut Day.

Additional Discussion

There have been numerous requests for portions of the hospital to be set up across Connecticut. Discussions have been taking place regarding the usage of the mobile field hospital and DPH is working closely with DEMHS and the Governor's Office. DPH is working with their hospital partners and getting feedback. This mobile field hospital is a Connecticut asset that's available and there are many uses for the facility.

Leonard Guercia informed the Board that the American Red Cross has access to interpreters and they would be available during an emergency to assist as needed for any non-English speaking patients. He also informed the Board that the Air Guard has a preliminary airlift plan in place.

Equipment Review – Elise Kremer

DPH has received the complete 100 bed mobile field hospital. Each 25-bed component has been set up to be sure everything is in operational order. All but 2 of the vehicles for the hospital have been received and the radio installation has been completed. The vehicles will be used on a rotating basis and a preventative maintenance plan is in place. The medical

equipment is about 99% procured. DPH is still in the process of procuring some small equipment. The consumables are in caches for each 25-bed unit. There is a draft proposal regarding the pharmaceuticals. DPH is working with the hospitals on this proposal and contemplating a regional approach.

Acceptable Use Policy - Mary Emerling

An Acceptable Use Policy was shared with the Board Members. Members should review the draft policy and share any feedback with Mary Emerling. Some of the policies being worked on are for human resources, drinking water, fire safety, ergonomics assessment and workers health.

A working draft for an open house was distributed. This open house is for health care workers who have signed up with the emergency credentialing program. It will provide them an opportunity to view a set up portion of the mobile field hospital with some of its equipment and staff will be available to answer any questions. Once the open house flyer is finalized, it will be emailed to the Board.

Additional Discussion

There is an Memorandum of Agreement between the DPH and the Department of Corrections to provide meals for the mobile field hospital should they be needed. In addition, there will be dedicated food transport containers to get the meals to and from the facility.

Open forum:

There was discussion on whether the mobile field hospital is a critical access hospital. As it appears, the mobile field hospital did not qualify under CMS as a Critical Access Hospital and this issue needs to be revisited. The DPH has been working with OPM and the Governor's Office on exploring the possibility of a formal relationship with UCONN.

There was discussion on health care workers who have agreed to work in the mobile field hospital during an emergency and their responsibility to their hospital. Has the discussion taken place with regards to staffing? There has been some discussion but there still needs to be more. Currently there are 31 hospitals each with their own set of protocols. There needs to be some base level standards. Each hospital is responsible for verifying and validating the credentials and standards of the health care workers that signed up through the Emergency Credentialing Program. There are similar efforts being made through DEMHS, CERTS, and the Medical Reserve Corps. There will need to be more discussion for drafting potential legislation to share health care workers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is Friday, December 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Health, Commissioner's Conference Room.